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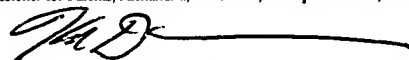
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For: Associative Memory Entries With Force
No Hit And Priority Indications of
Particular Use in Implementing Policy
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- ☒ Enclosed herewith are copies of the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language is included either separate from applicant's specification or incorporated therein. Furthermore, a copy of the translation of a non-English language reference is included herewith if a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody, or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in § 1.56(c).
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